

Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council

Four new members were recently appointed by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matthew Frank to serve on the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council.

The new Urban Forestry Council members are:

- * Portage County executive **Patty Dreier**
- * Madison city forester **Marla Eddy**
- * Green Bay city forester **Mark Freberg**
- * City of Menasha Mayor **Donald Merkes**.

Individuals reappointed to the Urban Forestry Council are: **Bob Dahl**, representing the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; **John Gall** with Wachtel Tree Service in Merton, representing the Wisconsin Arborist Association; **Art Ode**, volunteer forester for the City of Bayfield; **Ken Ottman** with First Choice Tree Care of Junction City, representing the Wisconsin Council on Forestry; and **Kelli Tuttle**, with Bluestem Forestry Consulting in Drummond. Tuttle was elected chairperson of the Urban Forestry Council, and Tom Dunbar, executive director of the Center for Resilient Cities, was elected vice-chair.

Urban Forestry Council appointees thanked for their service included: **R. Bruce Allison**, with Allison Tree Care of Verona; former Menomonie **Mayor Dennis Kropp**; **Logan Nelson** of Edgerton (a registered consulting arborist); and **Bruce Slogoski**, with the City of Beloit Department of Public Works. The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council advises the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the best ways to preserve, protect, expand and improve the state's urban and community forest resources. "The Division of Forestry appreciates the time and support council members contribute in order to provide guidance," DNR Urban Forestry Council Liaison Laura Wyatt said. "Members engage in conversations with stakeholders throughout the state regarding critical issues facing Wisconsin's community and urban forest resources. This input is the foundation from which the Urban Forestry Council provides advisory guidance to help direct and formulate urban forestry policy for managing this unique urban natural resource which is home to 80% of Wisconsin residents." Additional information about the council and the work they do can be found on the Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council pages of the DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/UF/council/>.

Others members continuing their service on the Urban Forestry Council include: Shirley Brabender Mattox of Oshkosh, a community advocate; UW-Stevens Point professor emeritus Bob Brush of Plover; Leif Hubbard, representing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; Developer and UW-Madison Business School Adjunct Professor Thomas Landgraf; Deena Murphy, assistant planner/zoning inspector with the City of Onalaska; Vijai Pandian, University of Wisconsin-Extension Brown County; Bryan Spencer of Oconomowoc, representing the Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association; Daniel Traas of Appleton, president of Ranger Services Inc.; Jeffrey Treu, We Energies regional forester; Les Werner, former UFC chair and chair of the UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources; Kevin Westphal, superintendent of parks and forestry for the City of Cedarburg; Joe Wilson, executive director of Greening Milwaukee; and Jeff Wolters of Johnson's Nursery in Menomonee Falls, representing the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation.